### DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

DOCKET 030991.000002

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below our names.

We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## ABSORBENT MATERIALS

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

NUMBER

DATE FILED

60/283,041

April 11, 2001

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the aboveidentified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

# PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

NUMBER	COUNTRY	DATE FILED	PRIORITY CLAIMED
GB0105358.6	Great Britain	March 3, 2001	XYES NO

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 of any United States application listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in any prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a), which occurred between

the filing date of the prior application and the national or l	PCT international filing date of this
application:	
U.S. Parent Application No:	Filing Date:
PCT Parent Application No:	Filing Date:

The undersigned, being the inventors named in the above-identified patent application, hereby appoint:

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jointly and severally, as their attorney or agent, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith and to receive the Letters Patent. All previous powers, if any, are hereby revoked.

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Sec. 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the publication or any patent issued thereon.

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### PATENT APPLICATION ASSIGNMENT

Docket No.030991.000002

WHEREAS, WE, Adrian Jeremy Parker, a citizen of the United Kingdom, residing at Mill House, Mill Lane, South Duffield, Selby Y08 6SX, Great Britain, and Jason Kenneth Holt, a citizen of the United States, residing at 223 Abbeyglen Way, Kennesaw, Georgia 30152, have invented new and useful improvements in

#### ABSORBENT MATERIALS

for which application	n is being made for Letters Patent, said appli	ication being executed by us on the
date of	, 2002, and	, 2002, respectively, and
further being identifi	ed by Attorney's Docket 030991.000002.	

WHEREAS, Fluid Technologies Plc (formerly (Limited), a British corporation and having a principal address of CT3 Building, Science and Innovation Park, Waterside Drive, Wigan, Lancashire, WN3 5AZ, Great Britain, is desirous of acquiring our entire right, title and interest in said application and our Letters Patent which may issue thereon.

NOW THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby assign to said corporation, both in and for the territory of the United States of America and the entire world, all our title and interest in and to said invention, patent application and any patent which may issue thereon, including all divisions, continuations, reissues, continuations-in-part and substitutions thereof, plus all priority rights for patent applications foreign to the United States of America.

We further hereby assign and transfer to said corporation whatever cause of action we may have for past or present infringement of said invention, together with the right to bring suit for any such infringement and to seek and receive damages and other relief arising from any such infringement.

We HEREBY covenant and agree that we will at any time, upon the request and at the expense of said corporation, execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title and said invention, applications and patents, and we authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue Letters Patent to said corporation.

 IN	TESTIMONY WHE, 2002.	EREOF, I	execute	this	Assignment	on	the		day	of
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IN	TESTIMONY WHE, 2002.	REOF, I	execute	this					day	of
					Jason Ken	neth	Holt		···	